

Love God, Love People and Serve Together

"Called" July 21, 2024

This past week, we were honored to go and represent Wynnton at the South Georgia Global Methodist Church annual conference at Epworth by the Sea. Just walking on those grounds allowed me to once again feel the fullness of God's glory surrounding me as I remembered so many times I have seen God move on those Holy grounds. Coming together for the second year, our theme this year was CALLED stemming from the verse in Mark 3:13, "Jesus went up on a mountainside and CALLED to him those he wanted, and they CAME to him." The days were filled by the movement of the Holy Spirit as the Church has been called to come to Jesus, to follow Jesus, to become like Jesus and to show others Jesus.

I was so inspired at how God is moving here at Wynnton and watching all of the pieces of the puzzle continuing to come together as we humbly follow God's lead. With the amazing staff that we currently have and the new additions that have or will soon be joining us in ministry together, I have been humbled to my core to see how God's plans have been put into action. I continue to pinch myself and truly ask God if this is all a dream or are your truly blessing me with such an amazing staff and lay leadership who have stood up and received their CALL to serve alongside me? I have watched our Wynnton family continue to receive the call to care for one another, to BE the church, to equip the saints and to continue to send out servants on a mission from God.

I will honestly say that it is impossible to believe that it has been two years since we all came to encounter our ministry here at Wynnton. Truly it has been a blink of an eye, and each day makes me more excited than the last to serve and walk beside our Wynnton family. As the summer continues to race by, I am encouraged for what the next days will bring. I am excited for the community we will continue to build, and I pray that you will walk with me as we continue to dig deeper into our relationship with each other and with God.

As I heard many times this past week, God is CALLING for the church to once again rise up and invade the world with the Gospel of Christ. The Church is, "A chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's special possession," charged to "declare the praises of Him who has called us out of darkness and into His wonderful light" (1 Peter 2:9). Now is the time to step into new opportunities to revitalize our church, reinvest our gifts and talents into our local community and recognize that God has given us a special place to serve on 2412 Wynnton Road in Columbus, Georgia.

Thank you again for the privilege to walk with you as your pastor, friend and a member of the Wynnton Family. Thank you for stepping up and hearing the CALL to continue to serve and give in a way that honors God and leads people into a connection with Jesus. I know that we still have many mountains to climb together, but with each step, we are able to fulfill the CALL God has placed on us at Wynnton. May we continue to humbly follow where God has planned in advance for us to serve.

In His grip, Jason

The Chancel Flowers are given in honor of Wanda Hendrickson on her 96th birthday by Beth & Larry Hendrickson.

If you'd like to send our new Youth Director a welcome card, here is his address.

Derek Harrison 109 West 12th St. Tifton, GA 31794

youthdirector@tiftonfumc.org

MEMORIAL GIFTS

In memory of Kim Becker by Catherine Hubbard

In memory of **Ruth Pennington** by Beth VanNorman

In memory of **Sarah Ruggles** by Dorothy & Mike Johnson; New Beginnings Sunday School Class

GIFTS OF LOVE

In honor of **Joy Graham** on her birthday by Betty Woodruff

In honor of **Shirley Moon** on her birthday by Betty Woodruff; Joan Colquitt; Suzanne Supple; Zane Draughon

CONGRATULATIONS

To Beth and Reggie Kelley on the birth of a grandson, Pace Tyler Kelley, on July 11, 2024. Also, to great grandmother, Betty Woodruff. Parents are Beth and Ty Kelley of Atlanta, GA.

LOVE AND SYMPATHY

To Walt and Kay Hart and family on the death of his sister, Sarah Ruggles, of Durand, MI on July 10, 2024.

LOVE AND SYMPATHY

To Carole and Eric Sears and family on the death of his mother, Melba Gay, of Atlanta, GA, on July 10, 2024.

THANK YOU

Larry and I would like to thank the congregation and SPRC for celebrating us with the amazing 5th Sunday breakfast and gift card. I personally would like to thank each and every one of you for truly making me feel like family. Every warm embrace, every smile of encouragement, all the compliments about my enthusiasm make me want to be that much better. Thank you for making me feel so at home.

Prayerfully, Melissa

JOYFUL NOTES FROM THE CHOIR!



SUMMER CAMP MEETING AT WYNNTON!



This Sunday, our Wynnton choirs will sing "Gather by the River to Pray," a compelling Pepper Choplin arrangement of two traditional American folk hymns; "Down to the River to Pray" and "Shall We Gather at the River." Choplin's clever choral writing blends elements of blues, folk, and spiritual musical styles. In addition, he delivers warm harmonies throughout the anthem. The hymns are initially presented separately, then creatively combined. Just like a river, the text flows gently above a fluid keyboard accompaniment. The lyrics speak to the idea that we can find salvation through prayer, and a connection greater than ourselves. The reference to water in both hymns is a powerful symbol. Water can represent baptism, cleansing, and rebirth. The traditional gospel music reference "good old way" refers to redemption through faith in God. So, let's go "down to the river to pray!" See you at the river!

"Gather by the River to Pray" arranged by Pepper Choplin

As I went down to the river to pray, study-in' about that good ole way; and who shall wear the starry crown? Good Lord, show me the way. O brother, let's go down, let's go down, come on down. O brother, let's go down, down to the river to pray.

Shall we gather at the river, where bright angel feet have trod, with its crystal tide forever flowing by the throne of God? Ere we reach the shining river; lay we every burden down; grace our spirits will deliver and provide a robe and crown. Yes, we'll gather at the river, the beautiful, the beautiful river; gather with the saints at the river that flows by the throne of God.

Revelation 22:1-2

Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, as clear as a crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb down the middle of the great street of the city.

God's Great Peace to You! Diana B.

OPEN ARMS MINISTRY

Please join us as we have our next Open Arms Ministry event on August 3rd, 12-1:00 p.m. We are hoping to invite families to come and join us and pick up school supplies for their children for the upcoming school year. Here is a list of some of the items we are looking for:

- *12 Pack of #2 Pencils
- *Safety Scissors
- *Pink Individual Erasers
- *Folders with Pockets
- *Wired Headphones
- *24 Pack of Crayons
- *2 Pack of Glue Sticks
- * Pack of Colored Pencils
- *Composition Notebooks
- * Reusable Water Bottle

These are not ALL of the items, but many of the items that are common amongst all of the schools. We are looking for a minimum of 50 of each these items. Please help us by bringing them to the church no later than July 31st. Please put your items in the marked bin outside of the Library.

In His grip, Jason

*ATTENTION ALL YOUTH PARENTS!!!

- Sunday School 10 a.m. in the Basement
- No Youth Wednesday Night Bible Study in July
- Next Youth Cross-Training will be July 17th from 3-5pm at Ambassadors of Christ 4817 Milgen Road
- 211 Family Faith Connection Sunday, July 21st
 5-7 p.m. in the Basement
- Please be in prayer as Derek Harrison will be joining us in 2 weeks!



CHILDREN'S BULLETINS

Children's bulletins will be available on Sunday mornings for all services. They will be available in the Sanctuary and the Ministry Center.

READING THROUGH THE BIBLE

Week 28

As we continue through our journey, we encounter some of the foundational texts of our faith. Paul reminds the Galatians, as well as us, that our faith is based upon the work of Christ and Christ alone! Paul also compares faith and law and reminds us of how legalism chokes out grace. I pray you will read each section slowly and with your heart open to how the Spirit speaks.

July 21 Galatians 2:15-20

July 22 Galatians 3:1-9

July 23 Galatians 3:10-14

July 24 Galatians 3:15-18

July 25 Galatians 3:19-22

July 26 Galatians 3:23-29

July 27 Galatians 4:1-7

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY SCHEDULE Sunday, July 21:

Nursery:

Carrie Thomas/Neita Denny

Sunday School and Children's Church:

Gloria Garrett, Brenda Wilson

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

Nursery

8:30 am - 12:15 pm

Infants - Age 2

First Floor Grimes Building

Sunday School

9:45-10:50 am

3-year-olds - Fourth Grade

First Floor Grimes Building



Children's Church

11:00 am - 12:00 pm (after Children's Sermon)

3-year-olds - Fourth Grade

First Floor Grimes Building

**Parents, please make sure to check in with our registration system (hallway or Children's Center)





We're looking for volunteers for the Modern Worship Service. If you play an instrument or sing, feel free to join us at our practices every Friday from 5-8 p.m. in the Ministry Center.



Please use the QR code to sign up to volunteer to serve in the Modern service.

BE A WYNNTON WELCOMER

WE NEED YOU! to sign-up as a Sunday morning welcomer. We are looking for volunteers to fill open slots through the end of August. Check your calendars for a few Sundays you are available to help us greet our members and guests on Sunday morning. Sign-up sheets will be available in the main hallway this Sunday.

LITTLE FOOD PANTRY

Thank you to everyone who has volunteered to fill the pantry! If you would like to bless the families in our community, there are still a few dates available. If you are interested in filling the pantry once a month, these dates are available:

12, 24, 30

Please email Brenda

(<u>bwilson@wynntonmethodistchurch.org</u>) if you can help any of these days.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

- 21 Georgia Wise
- 23 Bob Ottman
- 24 Joy Graham
- 25 Melissa Derby



OUR ATTENDANCE

7-14-24	
8:30 a.m.	36
9:00 a.m.	22
11:00 a.m.	115
8:30 a.m. 9:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m. Sunday School	83

OUR STEWARDSHIP

7-14-24	
General Fund	12,448.00
Backpacks of Grace	400.00
Other Contributions	279.00
Missions	50.00
Operation Christmas Child	350.00
Sunday School	66.00

JUNE FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Contributions to the Church \$68,099.01

Expenses of the Church \$67,832.59

Our June Gain was \$266.42

Our Year to Date Gain is \$3,025.80



We are collecting school supplies in July. Watch for some of these items on sale and get more for your money.

For July, we are collecting crayons, markers, pencils, sharpeners that hold shavings, and ball point pens. Remember, you can get deals when school sales begin. Our goal is to pack 300 boxes.

Items collected:

Toothbrushes: 129 Ikea cups: 50
Washcloths: 61 Notebook paper: 18
Combs: 68 Large Crayons (8 Ct): 10

Hairbrushes: 22 24 pk Crayons: 33

Deodorant: 68 Markers: 9
Ball Caps: 16 Sharpeners: 51
Colored Pencils: 22 Note pads: 40
Socks: 6 T-Shirts: 83
Erasers: 72 Pencils: 60
Pens: 50 Scissors: 1

Spreading God's love to children everywhere.

Pam Gilstrap

COFFEE STATION VOLUNTEERS July 21, 2024



New Seekers

OUR DEPLOYED CHURCH MEMBERS AND FAMILY OF CHURCH MEMBERS



Adam Walker Sam Perez

If you have a deployed family member and you would like them added to our list, please call the office.

Our Known Prayer Concerns:

Sue Rogers Jennefer Spell
Aubrey Walker Frank Feagle
David Woolbright Richard Holmes
Pam Feagle Shelley Montgomery

Betty Garrett Sabrina Hart Jeanine Cotton Walter Cook Michelle Foote Ben Smith

Virginia Bonner Freddie Richardson
Lynn Christenson Rodney Dean
Hazel Hope Candace Hickman
Scott Mims Grant Martin
Mike Woodard Linda Wade

Grayson Graham Beverly Schlitzkus Brenda Wilson Danette Allen

Prissy Mudge

Christian Sympathy for loss of loved one:

Family of Sarah Ruggles
Family of Corey Comperatore
Family of Melba Gay

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sunday, July 21

8:30 a.m. Traditional Worship Service - Sanctuary 9:00 a.m. Modern Service - Ministry Center

9:45 a.m. Sunday School for adults, youth &

children

10:00 a.m. Young Adult Discipleship Meeting -

Ministry Center

11:00 a.m. Traditional Worship Service - Sanctuary 5:00-7:00 p.m. Family Faith Connections - Basement

Tuesday, July 23

10:00 a.m. Quilting Group - Alpha Building

Wednesday, July 24

3:00-5:00 p.m. Cross Training - Ambassadors of Christ

Flower Delivery

Georgia Wise

